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N° 3042, which I hope will Gitt safe to hand and May health and Happyness Attend you is the Desier of your aged Grandfather

CORNELIUS CALVERT Sen[r] [1]

Yesterday I Received a Letter from M[r] Bacchus who writes me very favourable in your Behalf which gives Me Hopes you may yett Turn out a Good Morrel Man

[Addressed]

M[r] Anthony Walke
At Yale College Newhaven
Connecticut

To the care of the
Rev[d] President Dwight.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

PAPERS RELATING TO BACON'S REBELLION.

[*Extracted from the County Records.*]

BY THE EDITOR.

Case of John Marshall and [2] *others.*

Wee the subscribed haveing drawne up A paper in behalfe of y[e] Inhabitants of Isle of Wight County as y[e] greivances of y[e] sd County w[ch] sd paper wee have given A coppy to y[e] Right hono[ble] his Ma[ties] Com[rs]:

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[1] Cornelius Calvert married Mary Saunders 29th July, 1719, in Princess Anne Co., Va., and had issue: Cornelius Calvert of the text, born 13th March, 1723, who married Elizabeth Thorowgood 19th March, 1749. Their daughter, Mary Calvert, married William Walke, 21st December, 1782. Their descendants were: (1), Anthony of the text, born in Norfolk county, September, 1783. He was educated at Yale College, was a member of the Virginia Legislature, sent by President Jefferson to deliver to the Dey of Algiers the tribute exacted of Christian nations by the Barbary Powers (grandson of Cornelius Calvert). (2), Elizabeth Mason married George McIntosh. (3), Mary Calvert married D. M. Curtis. (4), Wm. Walke (grandfather of W. Talbot Walke, now of Norfolk) married Elizabeth Nash. (5), Anna M. married Thomas Williamson. Cornelius Calvert, first named, came to Princess Anne county, Va., from Lancaster, England. He bore arms similar to the English family of Calverts.

[2] John Marshall was one of Bacon's supporters in 1676. When the commissioners came from England and opened their office at Swan's Point, Jamestown being burnt, Marshall and the rest of the subscribers to this paper made complaint against Berkeley's administration, which they were afterwards induced to recall as the paper shows. John Marshall's will was proved June 9, 1688, and mentions son Humphry, daughter Mary, a "youngest son" [unnamed], and brothers Humphry Marshall and Peter Best.

Wee doe acknowledge all ye sd pticulers that concerne ye Right hono^{ble} Govern^{rs} Governm^{t} or pticuler psons in the sd paper to be false & scandalous, & y^{t} wee are utterly to prove any p^{t} of y^{m} And wee doe therefore most humbly submitt o^{r}selves to ye mercy of ye Right hono^{ble} Sr Wm Berkeley k^{t} his Maties Govern^{r} for pardon for this most mischeivous offence And do hereby promise & engage for the future never to be guilty of ye like mutinous & rebellious practices for confermacon Whereof wee have hereunto sett o^{r} hands this 27th day of March 1677

AMBROSE BENNETT
JOHN MARSHALL
RICHARD JORDAN
RICHARD SHARPE
ANTH^{o} ffULGEHAM
JAMES BAGNALL
EDWARD MILLER
JOHN + DAVIS (His mark)
RICHARD PENNY
R. P
His mke

This is acknowledged in open co^{rt} held for ye Isle of Wight County the ninth of Aprill 1677 by John Marshall Senr to be ye true confession of the subscribers & was ordered to be Recorded

Test JN^{o} BROMFIELD Cl Cur.

I John Marshall haveing rashly uttered & publickly spoken certaine scandalous words before ye Worp^{full} Com^{rs}, & uttered ye same among ye multitude for wch I have obteined forgiveness of his Maties hono^{ble} Com^{rs}, & in obedience to the Order and as becomes me for soe great a contempt, scandall & obligy cast upon ye co^{rt} and whole country I am here before you in all humility to confess my offences aforesd. And doe begg pardon for ye same on my knees as I have done before his Maties hono^{ble} Com^{rs} aforesd

God save the King

This Acknowledged according to the tenno^{r} was done by Jno Marshall on his knees in open co^{rt} held for ye Isle of Wight County ye 9th of Aprill 1677, And was Ordered to be Recorded

Test JN^{o} BROMFIELD Cl Cur

Case of John Jenings.[1]

[1] John Jenings became clerk of Isle of Wight before 1667. He took part with Bacon in 1676, and was sentenced to banishment. It appears that the decree was not at once carried out, and, perhaps, not at all, as his health continued bad, and he died between October 19, 1678, and March 10, 1678–'79.

To the Right honoble Herbert Jefferys Esqr Governr & Capt Generall of Virga And the honoble Councill of State.

Sheweth

That yor peticonr haveing reced sentence of banishmt & Transportn of this his Maties Collony from whence he is forth wth enjoyned to depart according to the sd sentence given in Cort by the Right honoble Sr Wm Berkeley

And for that yor poor petrs goods & Estate being wasted & despoyled dureing the late Rebellious times he is become utterly destitute even of ye meanes of secureing his soe speedy departure haveing not att present wherewth to pay his passage out of this Collony And yor petr being alsoe Aged sick & weak is not in ability of body wthout most apparent perrill of his life to undergoe the sd sentence so soon as required

He therefore most humbly implores yor honrs considering these most true and deplorable circumstances, & in consideracon of his povertie age & weakness to grant to yor petr some convenient respitt & longer tyme for his dep'ture haveing the care of A poor wife & children incumbent on him who may else pish in another Land for want of common conveniences for their support And yor petr shall ever pray SWANS POINT[1] *April* ye 9th 1677

To Coll Nathll Bacon Coll Wm Cole

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the dates of the making and of the proving of his will. He mentions his son John, his son-in-law William Seward, his wife Mary Jenings, George Seward, and three daughters. Overseers of the will—Capt. Edward Wickens, Lt. George Moore, Thomas Moore, and William Seward. The present popular clerk of Isle of Wight, Mr. Nathaniel P. Young, is a lineal descendant of John Jenings.

[1] "Swan's Point" is nearly opposite to Jamestown. It was the residence of Col. Thomas Swan, whose son Samuel married Sarah, daughter of William Drummond, one of the prime leaders in "Bacon's Rebellion." The commissioners, Colonel Herbert Jeffryes, Sir John Berry, and Colonel Francis Morryson, held court there. In a field near the river is a tomb bearing for crest a demi-talbott salient and for arms a chevron erm. between three swans. It has the following inscription:

Here Lyeth ye Body
of Collonel Thomas
Swan who Departed
This Life the 16th Day of
September in ye
year of our
Lord God
1680.

Above Swan's Point is the old homestead of the Cocke family, and next to that is "Four-Mile Tree," the ancient residence of the Brownes.

I being this day informed y^{t} ye pet^{r} is in soe sick & weak a Condition y^{t} he was ready to depte this life And there haveing heer been A former pe^{ton} of his before us wch was then looked upon as reasonable all but some words unduly incerted in the recitall & y^{n} Ordered to be omitted in ye other to be p^{r}sented I have thought it fitt & charitable to recommend ye pet^{r} p^{r}sent condicon to yor Opinion wch I desire you will forthwith transmitt to me as ye business requires ye tyme of his transport^{n} being very near att hand & his bodily weakness is soe great HERB JEFFRIES[3]

Considering the sick & weak condicon of ye pet^{r} of wch I am likewise informed by the bearer my opinion is A longer tyme for his departure may be granted he giveing sufficient security for his good behavio^{r} Nathan^{ll} Bacon[1]

I am for ye reasons above of the same opinion wth Co^{ll} Bacon for a longer time to be given Will Cole[2]

By his ma^{ties} Gov^{r}n^{r} & Capt Genl of Virginia

On ye foot of ye pet^{n} on ye other side was this order vizt

22^{d} *May* 1677

I doe hereby for ye reasons herein alledged grant unto ye pet^{r} respitt of tyme for his departure out of this country untill ye month of Septr next provided ye sd John Jennings doe putt in good security for his good behaviour before Co^{ll} Jno George of the Isle of Wight County who is to cause the pet^{n}, refference & answer to be Recorded and returne the Originall here

HERB JEFFRYES

Teste JN^{O} BROMFIELD Cl Records.

The British Regiment.[4]

By ye Govn^{r} & Capt Genrall of Virginia

Whereas it is for his Maties service as well as for ye peace & safety of this his Colony that one of his Maties Companies of ffoot doe forthwth march into ye countys of Nansemond & Isle of Wight & that they be q^{r}tered there soe long as it shall be necessary for his Maties sd service These are therefore in his Maties name to require any four of his Maties Justices of each of ye sd countys forthwth upon sight hereof to meet at ye next convenient place between the

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[1] This is Col. Nathaniel Bacon, elder, of King's Creek, York Co.

[2] Col. William Cole, of Baldrop, Warwick Co.

[3] Jeffryes succeeded Berkeley as governor.

[4] The English government sent over a regiment to suppress Bacon's Rebellion, and it lingered for many years in Virginia. When it was finally disbanded, many of the officers and soldiers settled in Virginia.

sd countys there to pporcon the Billets for each house according to their capacity of entertainem^{t} & in such p^{te} of ye sd two counties as may be most for ye convenience of ye Souldiers & care of ye inhabitants to whome I have ordered two shillings A week for each Souldiers accommodacon & the officers to pay any other p^{te} of ye country And y^{t} this his Maties service may be the better & more effectually pformed doe hereby desire & require Co^{ll} Joseph Bridger to meet ye Justices & to assist y^{m} in ye more speedy dispatch of ye sd service And hereof they are not to fayle att their perill Given under my hand this 14th July 1677 HERB^{t} JEFFRYES

To Co^{ll} Jo^{s} Bridger & any four or more of his Maties Justices of each county of Nansamond & Isle of Wight

This warr^{t} was p^{r}sented by Capt Tounge to be ye hono^{ble} Govern^{r} Act ye 19th July 1677 & ordered to be Recorded

Test JN^{o} BROMFIELD Clr.

NEW KENT COUNTY.

[*Extract from the Register of St. Peter's Parish.*]

A STRANGE STORY OF THE FIRING OF THE COURTHOUSE.

The office and Prison burnt the night of the 15th of July 1787. August the 7th Sauney (?) a negro boy belonging to Mr Wm Chamberlayne was condemned to be hanged by our court for being a partie in the said firing. The same day Mr Thos Green confessed he was an assistant likewise and the whole executed by a Mr John Price Posey who came with Mr John P. Custis into this county as his steward. The same day the said Posey was comited to the care of a strong guard to be carefully kept till Wednesday the 15th when a call'd court is order'd by Wm H. Macon Gent, a Justice for the county, to inquire and have a full hearing of said Posey's burning said Prison and Office.

August 15th 1787 being the day appointed for the above examination. Present eight members and the examination began about 12 o'clock and continued till near sunset when the question was put and the court was of opinion that the said Posey should have a further hearing. Accordingly was sent to the Great Gaol the next day being the 16th.

The first of Octr his tryal came on in the Gen'l Court and found guilty—when he appealed to the High Court of Chancery and being found Guilty appealed to the Court of Appeals, when there was nine out of ten found him guilty After which Judge Lyons, after